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TO AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

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SUBJECT: STOPPAGE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

REF: TANANARIVE 658

1. DEPT. AGREES WITH ASSESSMENT MADE BY EMBASSY. POST IS ON RIGHT TRACK AND PROTEST SHOULD BE MADE TO GOMR, ALONG LINES SUGGESTED IN REFTEL.
2. ARTICLE 20 OF 1973 ITU CONVENTION DOES NOT AUTHORIZE SUSPENSION OF DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS, EVEN IF GOMR DID NOTIFY SECRETARY GENERAL OF ITU AS THE ARTICLE STIPULATES.
3. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT VIENNA CONVENTION, SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE 27, SHOULD BE MAIN THRUST OF EMBASSY'S PROTEST.
4. IN RESPONSE TO PARA 7 YOUR 658, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS FURNISHED:

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FORMATION IS FURNISHED:

(A) WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED GOMR DID NOTIFY THE SYG ITU GENEVA OF IMPLEMENTATION ARTICLE 20 ON FEB. 14 AND FEB. 25, WHEN INTERNATIONAL TELEX SERVICE SUSPENDED.

(B) POST WOULD NOT BE CORRECT IN SAYING SEVERANCE OF COMMUNICATIONS UNPRECEDENTED. WHAT POST SHOULD EMPHASIZE IS SEVERANCE OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR SUCH LONG, CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF TIME IS EXCEEDINGLY UNCOMMON, AND MOST LIKELY UNPRECEDENTED. AVAILABILITY AND DEPENDENCE UPON SUCH FACILITIES FOR CONDUCT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HAS BECOME ACCEPTED PRACTICE.

(C) IN PREVIOUS INCIDENTS, WE HAD USE OF OTHER FACILITIES WHICH MET OUR NEEDS. THERE WAS NO NEED TO REGISTER STRONG PROTESTS - ESPECIALLY, SINCE THESE COMMUNICATION DISRUPTIONS WERE ONLY 2 OR 3 DAYS DURATION. SHORT DISRUPTIONS DID NOT RESULT IN PROBLEMS YOU EXPERIENCED DUE TO PROLONGED OUTAGE.

(D) DEPT DOES NOT PLAN TO TAKE PARALLEL ACTION WITH ANY INTERNATIONAL BODY.

5. SUGGEST YOU REVIEW CONTENTS OF PROPOSED NOTE WITH THOSE DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES YOU PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH, TO INSURE THEY AWARE APPLICATION VIENNA CONVENTION ARTICLE 27 LIEU ITU ARTICLE 20. THEY MAY WISH TO PURSUE SIMILAR ROUTE WITH GOMR. KISSINGER

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